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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.111  
AMENDING CLAIMS,  
UPDATING INFORMATION CONCERNING RELATED APPLICATIONS,  
AND ADDING SEQUENCE LISTING**

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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-captioned application, please make the following amendments. This amendment is submitted in order to add claims corresponding to claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,114,148, update the information in the specification concerning related applications, and to add the sequence listing. A copy of each of U.S. Patent No. 6,114,148 and related U.S. Patent No. 5,786,464 and U.S. Patent No. 5,795,737 is submitted herewith.

Also submitted herewith are pages 87-120 of the sequence listing containing the sequences (Exhibit A), a Letter Requesting Transfer of Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing Filed in Parent Application Ser. No. 09/678,437, filed October 2, 2000 (which was filed in Parent Application Ser. No. 08/850,049, filed May 2, 1997, and then transferred to Parent Application Ser. No. 09/414,117, filed October 8, 1999 and then transferred to Parent Application